Virtual Integrated Support for the Information Operations Environment

Virtual Integrated Support for the Information Operations Environment (VISION) provides a collaborative environment that continuously connects subject matter experts, processes and technology. The merge of information operations (IO) analysis, planning and assessment enhances the warfighter's ability to meet operational needs.

It is an undersecretary of defense for intelligence program of record led by U.S. Joint Forces Command's (USJFCOM) Joint Training Directorate/Joint Warfighting Center through the IO Joint Management Office in Suffolk, Va.

VISION serves as the medium for subject matter experts to develop IO solutions that improve mission execution and assessment. Its collaborative environment allows planners and analysts to meet online to share concepts and ideas while building a plan in real time.

VISION is globally accessible, providing continuous on-demand access to data, activities, operations and subject matter experts. Users also have access to information archives, allowing for better sharing of information and best practices.

VISION develops enhanced capabilities for the future by:

- Quickly responding to requirements to meet emerging warfighter needs
- Providing user support that ensures proficiency and promotes consistency and alignment with the user's long-term goals
- Integrating user best practices in parallel development activities
- Integrating disparate analysis, planning and assessment activities through a single collaborative environment
- Providing a view that allows improved identification and resolution of conflicts among available planning options
- Providing users with the ability to build a plans or sub-plans in discrete elements in parallel
- Enabling global deconfliction and synchronizing effects
- Employing existing best practices that result in customer inputs that have been tested through customer activities

VISION has basic planning and assessment capabilities available now. Its initial operational capability is scheduled for 2010 and full operational capability is scheduled for 2012. VISION will continue improving its capabilities through incremental developments beyond 2012 to meet demands of both the joint and interagency user communities.